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**Certified Mail  
Return Receipt Requested**

William Muno  
Director, Superfund Division  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 5  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago Il; 60604-3590

**Re: Ellsworth Industrial Park Site  
Wisconsin Avenue  
Downers Grove, Du Page County, Il**

Dear Mr. Muno:

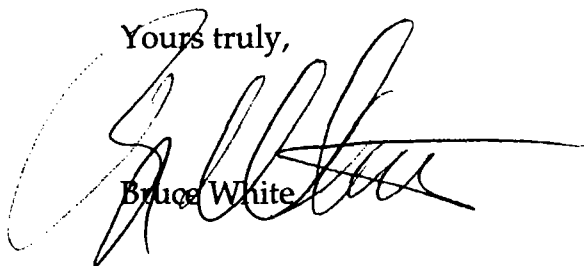
Please be advised that our firm was recently retained to represent Precision Brand Products, Inc. (the "Company") in connection with the Notice of General Liability issued by U.S.EPA to the Company and others on August 1, 2002. All further correspondence regarding this matter should be directed to the undersigned.

By this letter, we are further advising you that the Company is in the process of contacting other recipients of the Notice of General Liability to determine if a PRP Group and Steering Committee can be formed that will undertake performance of an RI/FS. The Company is planning on cooperating with other PRPs in an effort to form such a Group and reach agreement on a reasonable allocation of responsibility for costs of performing an RI/FS; and to participate in good faith with other members of such a Group in negotiations with the U.S.EPA and Illinois EPA in an effort to agree on a reasonable scope of work for an RI/FS.

Nothing in this letter shall be deemed to be an admission by Precision Brand Products, Inc of any responsibility or liability for the releases of hazardous substances and/or other contaminants at the Ellsworth Industrial Park Site that U.S.EPA claims in its August 1, 2002 Notice.

If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please feel free to give me a call.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce White", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bruce White

cc:

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Larry Franczyk  
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